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PART 2 OF 4

ISSUE 47



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IN THE DUNGEON OF
**LORD
HOOD**



TK! -JA +Steve
WORLDS COLLIDE
IN 4

Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures – a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where the Chaotix hunt for clues about their missing friends, Mighty and Ray!

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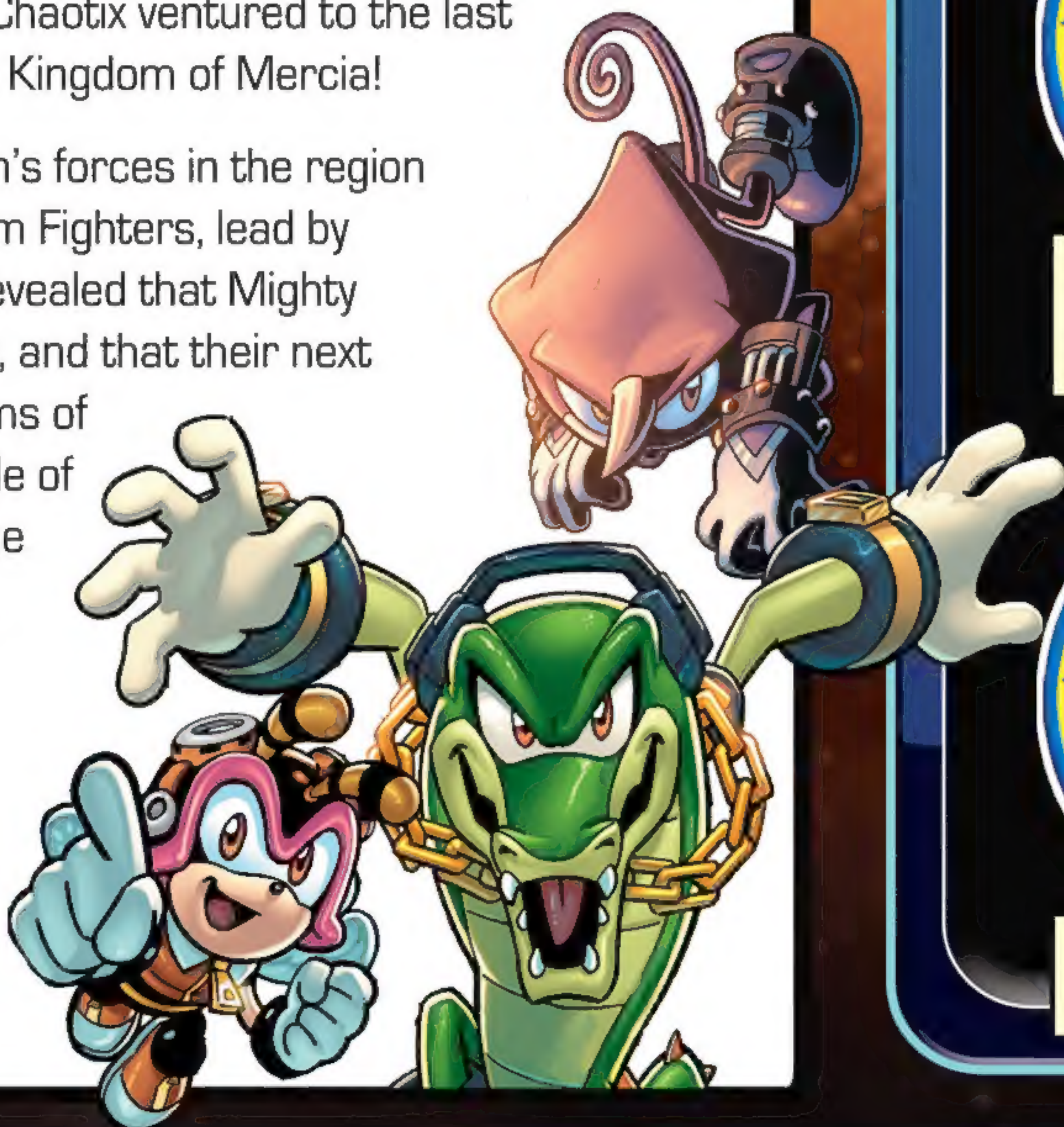
WHO'S WHO

PREVIOUSLY...

High above the planet's surface drifts the mysterious Angel Island, whose master emerald allows this lost continent to stay freely afloat amongst the clouds. But the price of freedom is eternal vigilance, and that's where the Chaotix come in – a team of friends who protect Angel Island and the Master Emerald from the forces of evil!

Months ago, Espio the Chameleon was revealed to be a ninja spy from a far-away clan called the Shinobi. Espio came clean to his team, and revealed that he had been secretly collecting information on each team member – one of those revelations was that Mighty the Armadillo's long-thought-dead sister was actually still alive! Mighty left the team along with Ray the Flying Squirrel in the hopes of finding his sister and re-uniting his family. Mighty and Ray kept in touch with their teammates for a time, but recently the letters stopped coming, so the Chaotix ventured to the last known location of their friends – the Kingdom of Mercia!

A battle quickly ensued with Eggman's forces in the region and the Mercian chapter of Freedom Fighters, lead by expert-archer Bow Sparrow. Bow revealed that Mighty and Ray had already been and gone, and that their next stop remained a mystery. Both teams of heroes must now infiltrate the Castle of Lord Hood, Eggman's sub-boss in the region, in the hopes of discovering the whereabouts of the wayward Mighty and Ray AND freeing the captured Mercian people...



**VECTOR
THE CROCODILE**
CHAOTIX DE FACTO
LEADER



**ESPIO
THE CHAMELEON**
CHAOTIX NINJA



CHARMY BEE
VETERAN CHAOTIX
FLYER



**LORD
MORDRED HOOD**
USURPER TYRANT KING

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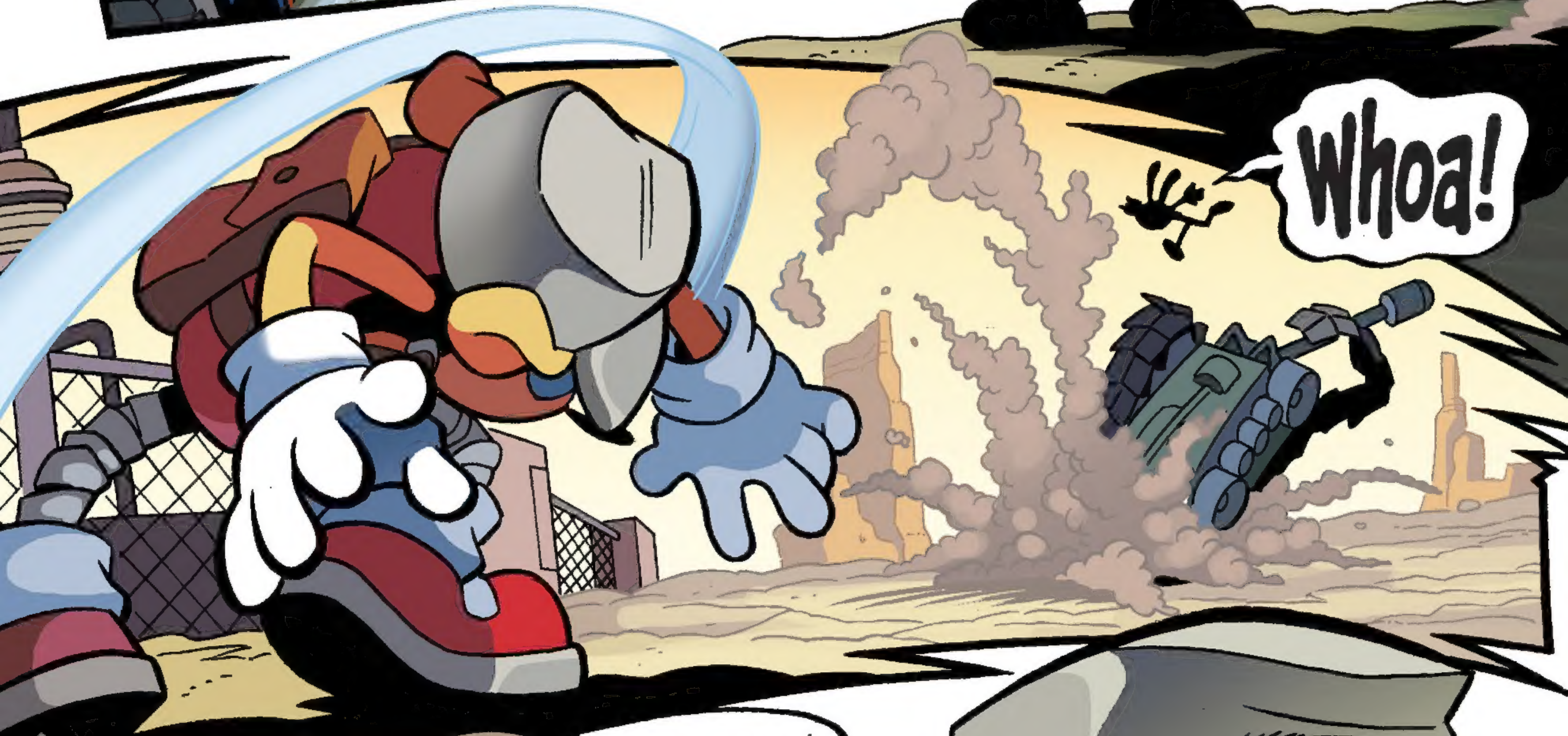
PROLOGUE:
OIL OCEAN
REFINERY

FOR THE
BARON!

WHAT
THE--?!



Whoa!



HOOO-WEEE!

FLEX, YOU ARE MAH
KIND OF GUY! HOW
DID WE LIVE
WITHOUT YOU?

YOU KNOW
ME, BOSS.
JUST
EARNING
MY KEEP...



"...WHILE I'M LOOKING FOR ANSWERS."

UNDER LORD HOOD'S CASTLE...

ALL FOR ONE PART 2

ONGOING INVESTIGATION!!

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LOOKS LIKE THIS IS WHERE WE SPLIT UP! WE'LL FIND THE COMPUTER ROOM.

AYE, AND WE'LL HEAD TO THE DUNGEONS ANON.
HAPPY HUNTING.

VECTOR
CHAOTIX
LEADER

BOW SPARROW
ARCHER AND
LEADER OF THE
MERCIAN FREEDOM
FIGHTERS



CLANG



CLANG



HRRGHH!!
REALLY WISH I HAD
MIGHTY OR KNUX
HERE RIGHT
NOW!



I FOUND
A SWITCH!

**CHARMY
CHAOTIX
FLYER**

**MANUAL
RELEASE**

I'LL SEE IF THERE'S ANOTHER SWITCH!

THERE'S NO POINT. LORD HOOD KNOWS WE'RE HERE. HIS FORCES MEANT TO TRAP US HERE. WE'LL TAKE THE WARP RING BACK, AND...

DO WHAT? WAIT FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY? THIS IS THE FURTHEST WE'VE MADE IT INTO THE CASTLE IN MONTHS.

"THE ROAD MAY BE TREACHEROUS, I SHALL NOT FEAR!"



**ESPIO
CHAOTIX
SPY**



**FRIAR
BUCK
HOLY
MAN**

SECOND GATE'S OPEN!

THE ENEMY CAN MONITOR OUR MOVEMENTS...YET HE SPRINGS A CAGE-TRAP INSTEAD OF A DEATH-TRAP?

BOW, CAN YOU VISUALIZE THE DUNGEONS?

VERILY. TIS WHERE MY KING AND MENTOR FOUND AND FREED ME!



GOOD. VECTOR, GIVE HIM THE WARP RING. BOW, TAKE YOUR TEAM AND BEGIN PREPARING THE PRISONERS FOR ESCAPE.



YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? I THOUGHT WE DIDN'T WANT TO USE IT HERE AT THE RISK OF LOSING IT TO EGGMAN'S GOONS.

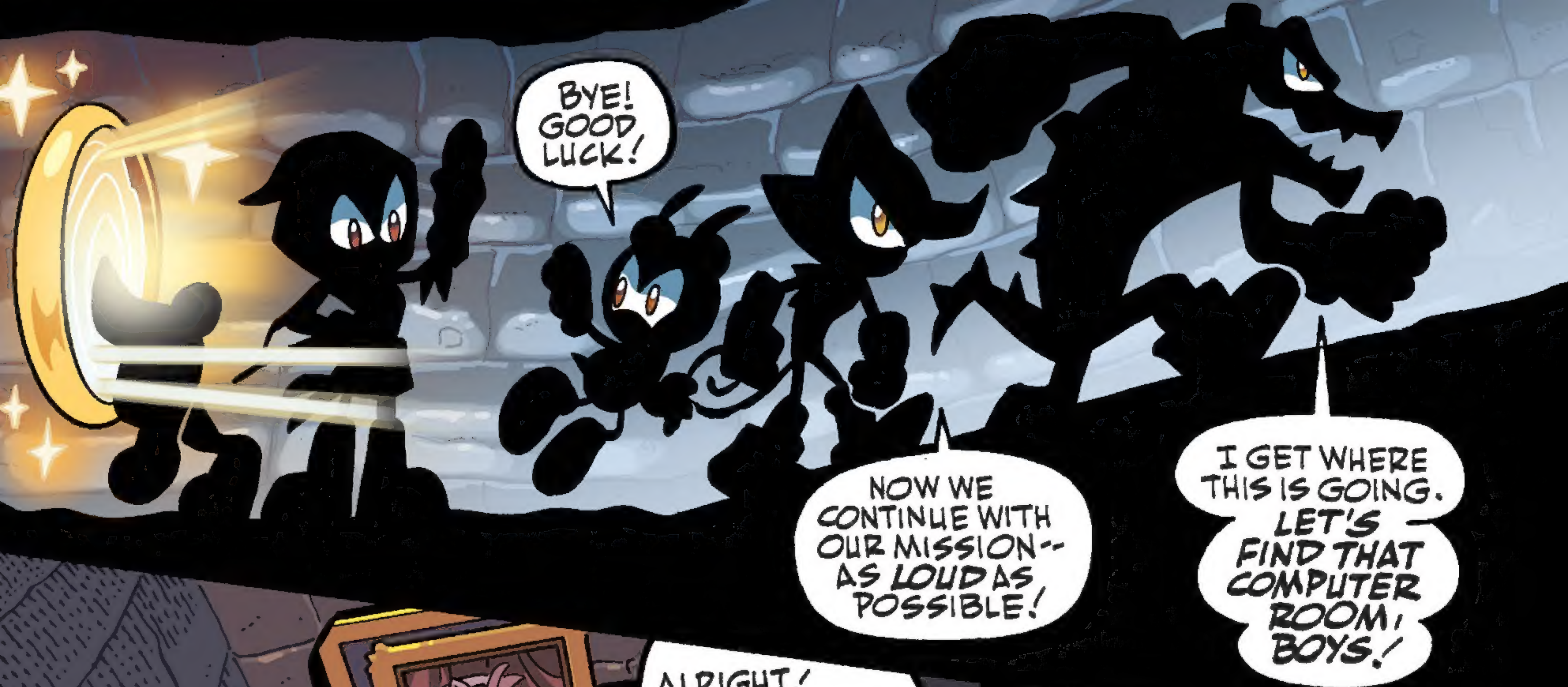
THE OLD PLAN FELL APART THE MINUTE THEY TRAPPED US IN HERE. THIS IS A NEW PLAN.

IT BETTER BE A GOOD PLAN, AND NOT YOU RUNNING OFF TO JOIN THE BAD GUYS AGAIN.*

OKAY, WE NEED TO GET MOVING. JUST THINK OF WHERE YOU WANT TO GO AND GIVE IT A TOSS!

*CHECK SONIC UNIVERSE VOL.4 GRAPHIC NOVEL: JOURNEY TO THE EAST--COMING SOON!--PLUG-ITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE - WARP RINGS ALLOW THEIR USER TO INSTANTLY TRANSPORT TO ANY LOCATION, SO LONG AS THE USER CAN VISUALIZE THAT LOCATION.



BYE!
GOOD
LUCK!

NOW WE
CONTINUE WITH
OUR MISSION--
AS LOUD AS
POSSIBLE!

I GET WHERE
THIS IS GOING.
LET'S
FIND THAT
COMPUTER
ROOM,
BOYS!



ALRIGHT!
HANDS WHERE
WE CAN SEE
THEM! LORD
HOOD WANTS--

CREEEAK!



YOU SAW
IT OPEN BY
ITSELF, TOO,
RIGHT?

THE LAST THING
THIS LOUSY JOB
NEEDS IS GHOSTS
TO HAUNT THE--



G-G-GHOST!

AND
CROCODILES
IN THE
SEWERS!!
RARGH!



AHH!

MEANWHILE--
CASTLE
DUNGEONS

QUICKLY AND
QUIETLY, ALL. OUR
LACK OF INTERRUPT-
TION MUST BE
THANKS TO OUR
BOON
COMPANIONS.

I'VE TAKEN A QUICK
CENSUS. OUR KING,
HIS FAMILY, AND THE
CHAOTIX'S FRIENDS
ARE NOT AMONG
THE PRISONERS.

DANG IT!
I HOPE THE
CHAOTIX CAN
FIND SOMETHIN'
THEN!

CAREFUL.
YOUR
"KING'S
SPEECH" IS
SLIPPING.

Oh! :Anem!:
CRY YOUR
PARDON.

THANK YOU!
PRAISE
THE
WALKERS!

WHERE'S
THE KING?

LORD HOOD! THE EGGNET
SAYS THAT THE GOLD PORTAL
YOU SAW WAS MOST LIKELY
A "WARP RING," A KIND OF
MAGICAL TELEPORTER.

A TELE-
PORTER?
GET TROOPS
TO THE
DUNGEONS!
NOW!

FOR PITY'S SAKE,
THERE'S ONLY THREE
OF THEM. / STOP
THEM. / AND WHERE
IS BOW AND HIS
BAND OF IDIOTS?
HOW DID THEY
SLIP AWAY?!

THE
THRONE
ROOM

LORD
MORDRED
HOOD
ADVISOR-
TURNED-
TYRANT

NOPE. NOT IN HERE. ANYBODY FOUND THE COMPUTER ROOM?

YOU SAID "BE LOUD!"

VECTOR!
IF YOU ASK THAT ONE MORE TIME, I'LL--

I FOUND IT!

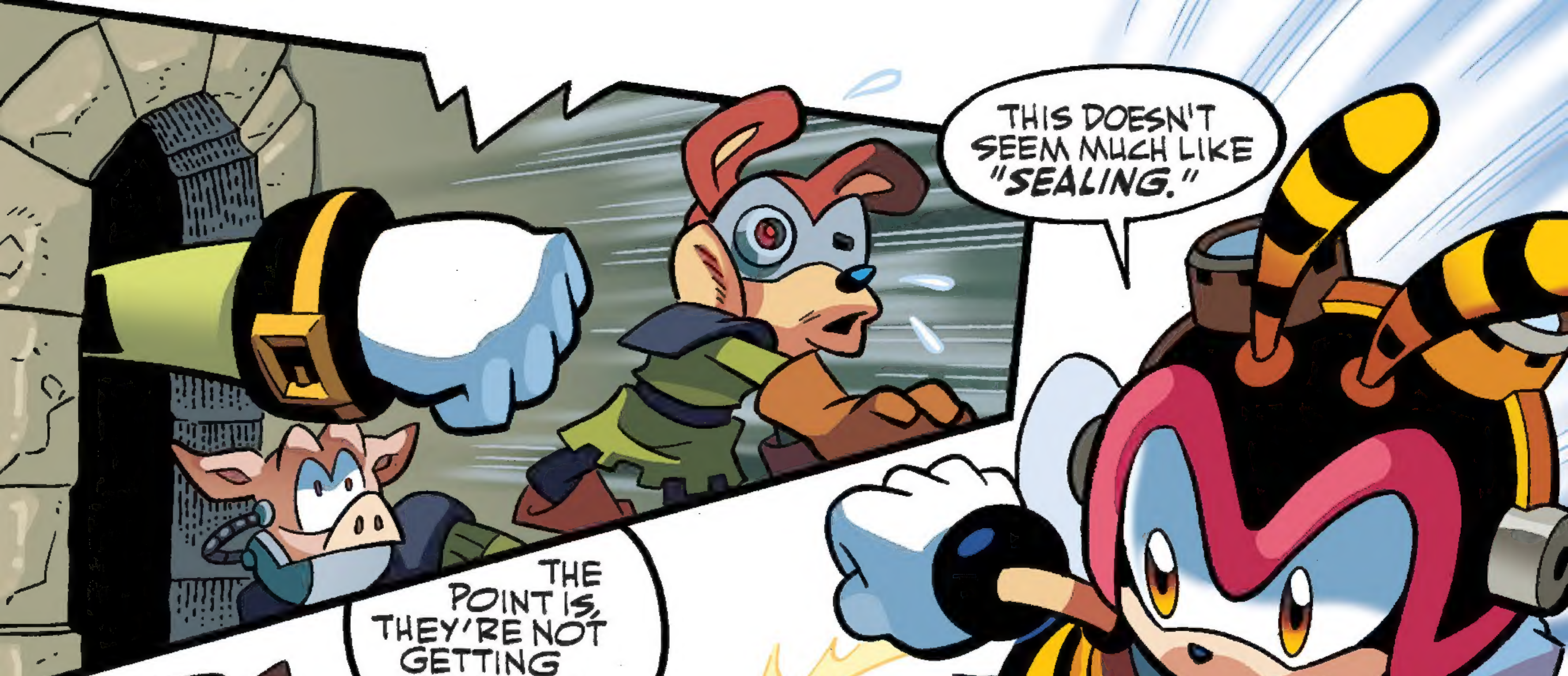
IT HAD SOME BAD GUYS, BUT I TOOK CARE OF THAT!

EXCELLENT WORK. I'LL TRY TO ACCESS THE EGGNET. YOU TWO SEAL THE DOORS.

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL JUST HAVE TO "SEAL" IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY...

uh...

IN-COMING!



THIS DOESN'T SEEM MUCH LIKE "SEALING."

THE POINT IS, THEY'RE NOT GETTING THROUGH.



I WISH YOU WERE HERE RIGHT NOW, NICOLE... I COULD USE YOUR HELP!



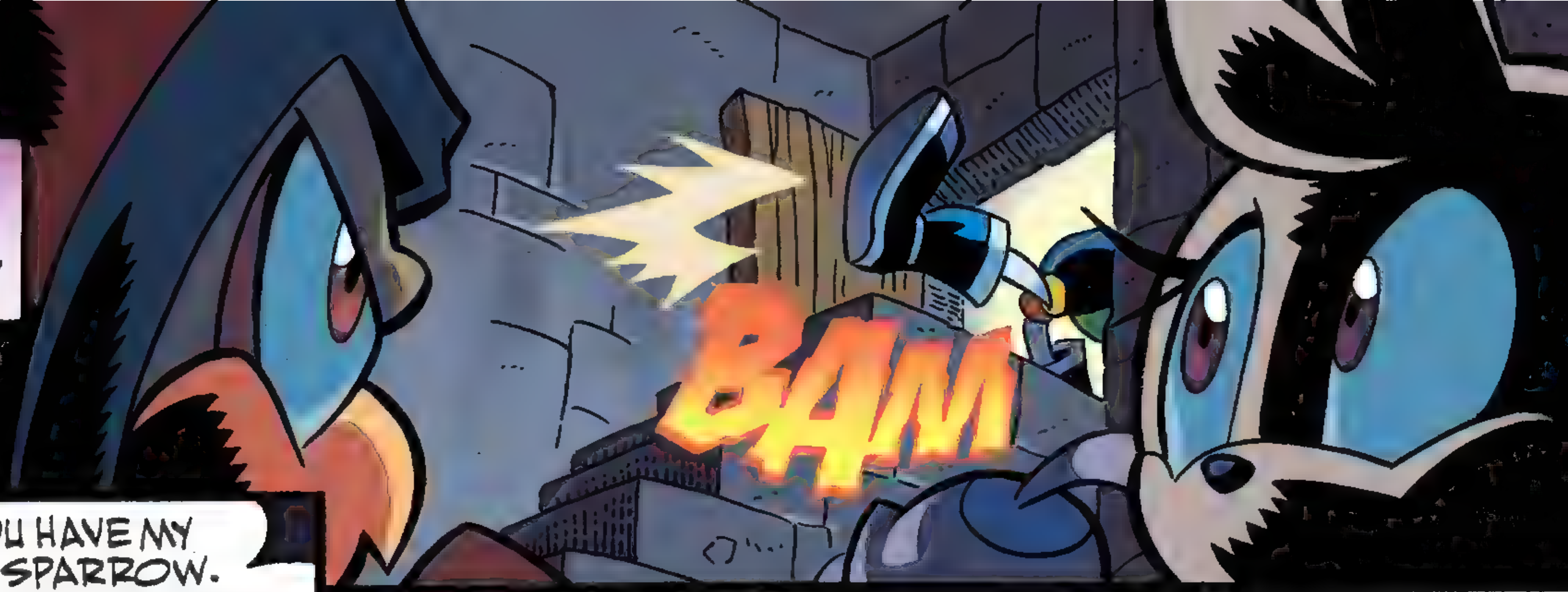
BEHIND YOU!



HUH. THEIR PASSWORD IS "PASSWORD." AMATEURS. NOW TO FIND... uh-oh. VECTOR! CHARMY!



"YOU'RE NEEDED ELSE-WHERE!"



WELL! YOU HAVE MY THANKS, SPARROW. WHEN YOUR COWARDLY WOODSMAN-WHO-WOULD-BE-KING RAN AWAY, I FEARED I'D NEVER GET TO CRUSH AN IDIOT ARCHER BENEATH MY HEEL!

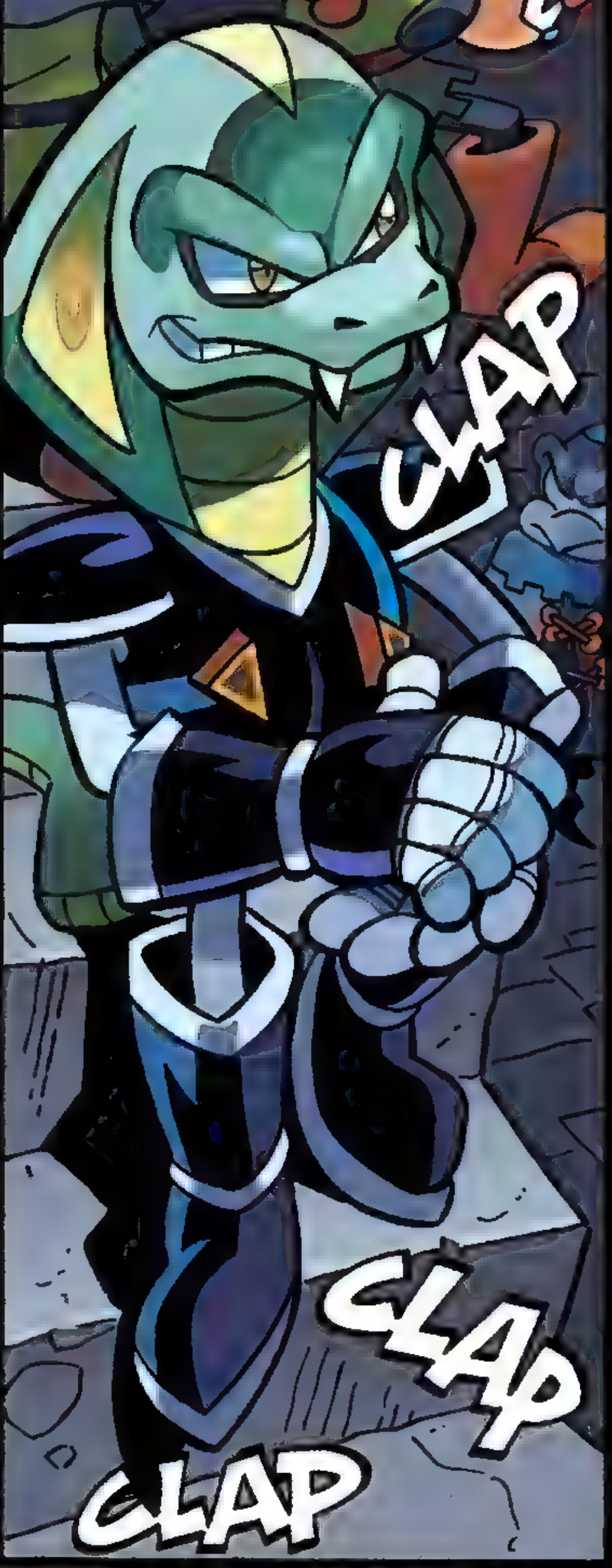
HE IS NO COWARD!! NOT E'EN EGGMAN WOULD TARGET THE KING'S SON AS YOU DID. FOR ONE OF HIS PET DESPOTS, THOU ART THE BASEST!



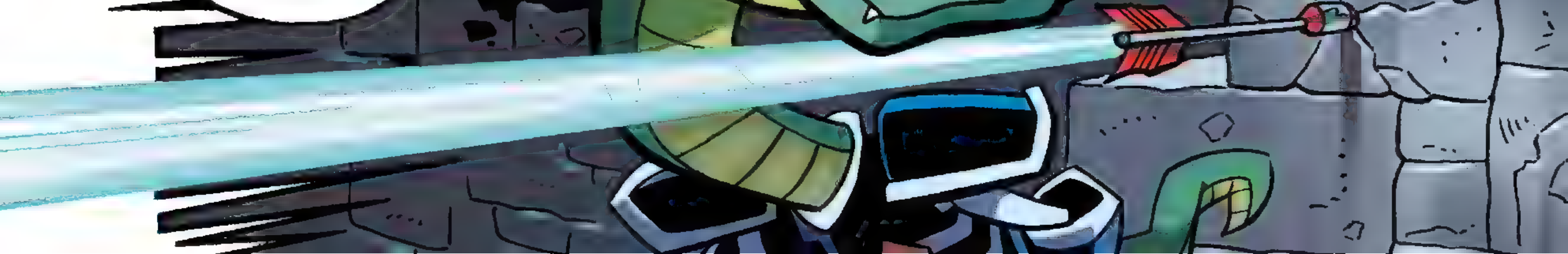
AND YOU'RE STILL TALKING LIKE HIM! DELIGHTFUL. TAKE YOUR SHOT. YOU'VE ONLY MISSED ME SEVEN TIMES.

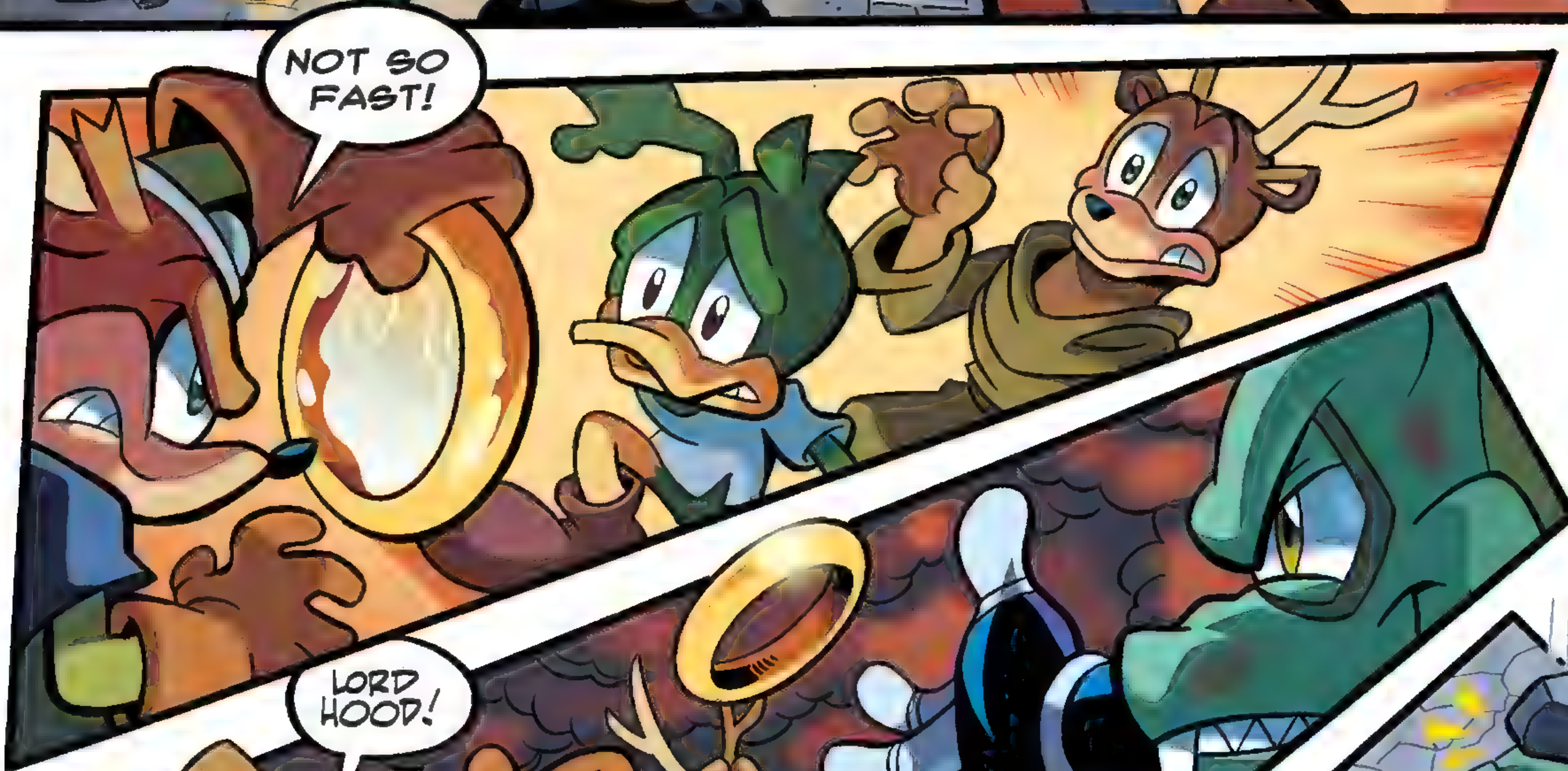
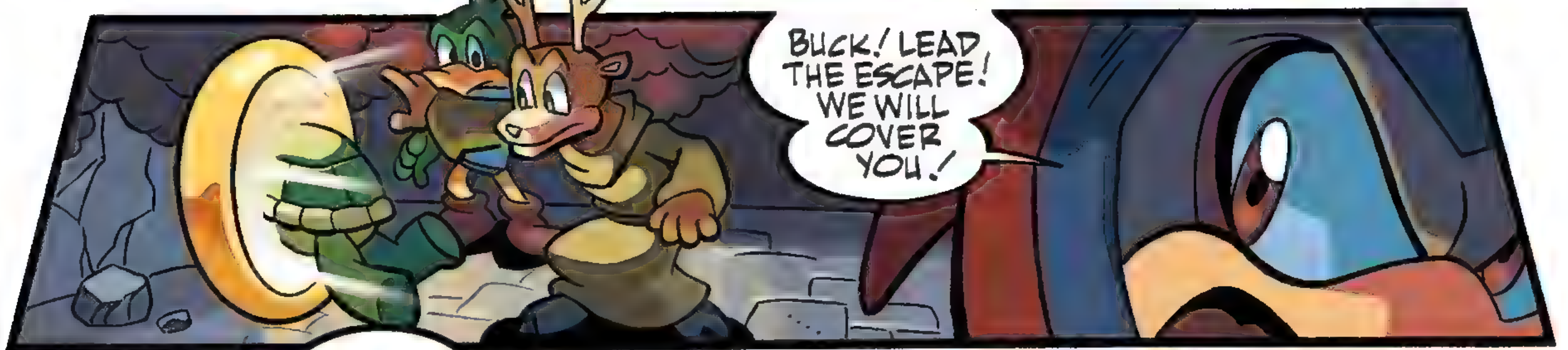


IF AT FIRST THOU DOES NOT SUCCEED...



AND THAT MAKES EIGHT--





IN THE DEEPEST, DARKEST CELLS, THE FLAME OF HOPE SHONE BRIGHT. THEIR SPIRITS--NEVER TRULY BROKEN--ROSE UP TO JOIN THE FIGHT!

Oi! YOU WARBLIN' NITWIT! WE'RE FIGHTIN' FOR OUR LIVES HERE!

AMID THE DESPERATION, ONE MAN BROUGHT SOME LEVITY, WHICH--IN TRUTH--WAS JUST A FRONT, FOR HE KNEW THE SITUATION'S GRAVITY!



ALAN QUAIL MINSTREL



MUNCH RAT A MILLER'S SON

AND A HEY--



NONNY--

NONNY!

SHOW OFF.

THE CHAOTIX WERE RIGHT T'BE CAUTIOUS. WE CANNA LET HOOD GET HIS HANDS ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

THEN WE PUSH BACK THROUGH THE SEWERS. IF WE CAN USE THE WARP RING AGAIN SAFELY...

WHAT...?

EASY, M'LORD. WE'RE GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE.



NO... WILL NOT LOSE... NOT TO THEM!

FOR TWO GENERATIONS OF KINGS, I'VE TRIED TO BRING ORDER TO THIS LAND. PASSED UP, IGNORED, THE POPULACE NEVER PUT IN ITS PROPER PLACE...

YOU COULDN'T SAVE YOUR KING. YOU CAN'T SAVE THESE PEOPLE. YOU CAN'T EVEN SAVE YOURSELF!



WON'T... NEED... TO...

Tch. HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY HOPE TO ESCAPE THIS--?





SURPRISE, SUCKAH!

THY TIMING IS IMPECCABLE!

WE'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THIS "HERO" THING. TIME TO GO, FOLKS!

EVERYONE HAS BEEN FREED. HELP EACH OTHER TO THE MAIN GATE. SUMMON THE LAST OF YOUR COURAGE AND STRENGTH, BROTHERS AND SISTERS.



BRO-FIST!



DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND STAY DOWN!

GET EVERYONE OUT OF HERE AND HEAD FOR THE OUTER WALL!




THE OUTER WALL? THROUGH THE MAIN COURTYARD? WE'LL BE COMPLETELY PRONE!

I DON'T GET IT EITHER, BUT ESPIO SAID HE HAD A PLAN.

"AND IT'LL BE GOOD." HOPEFULLY. MOST LIKELY."

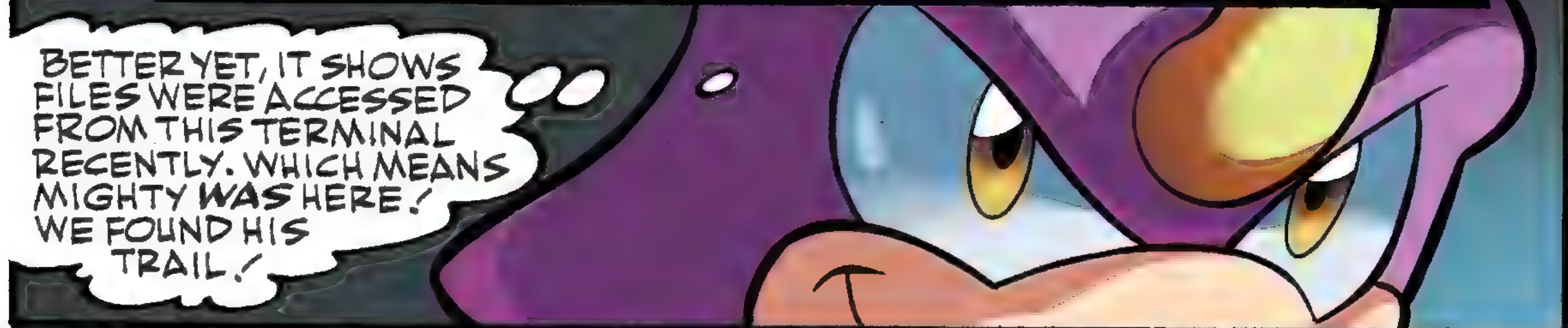


COME ON... COME ON... LOAD FASTER...

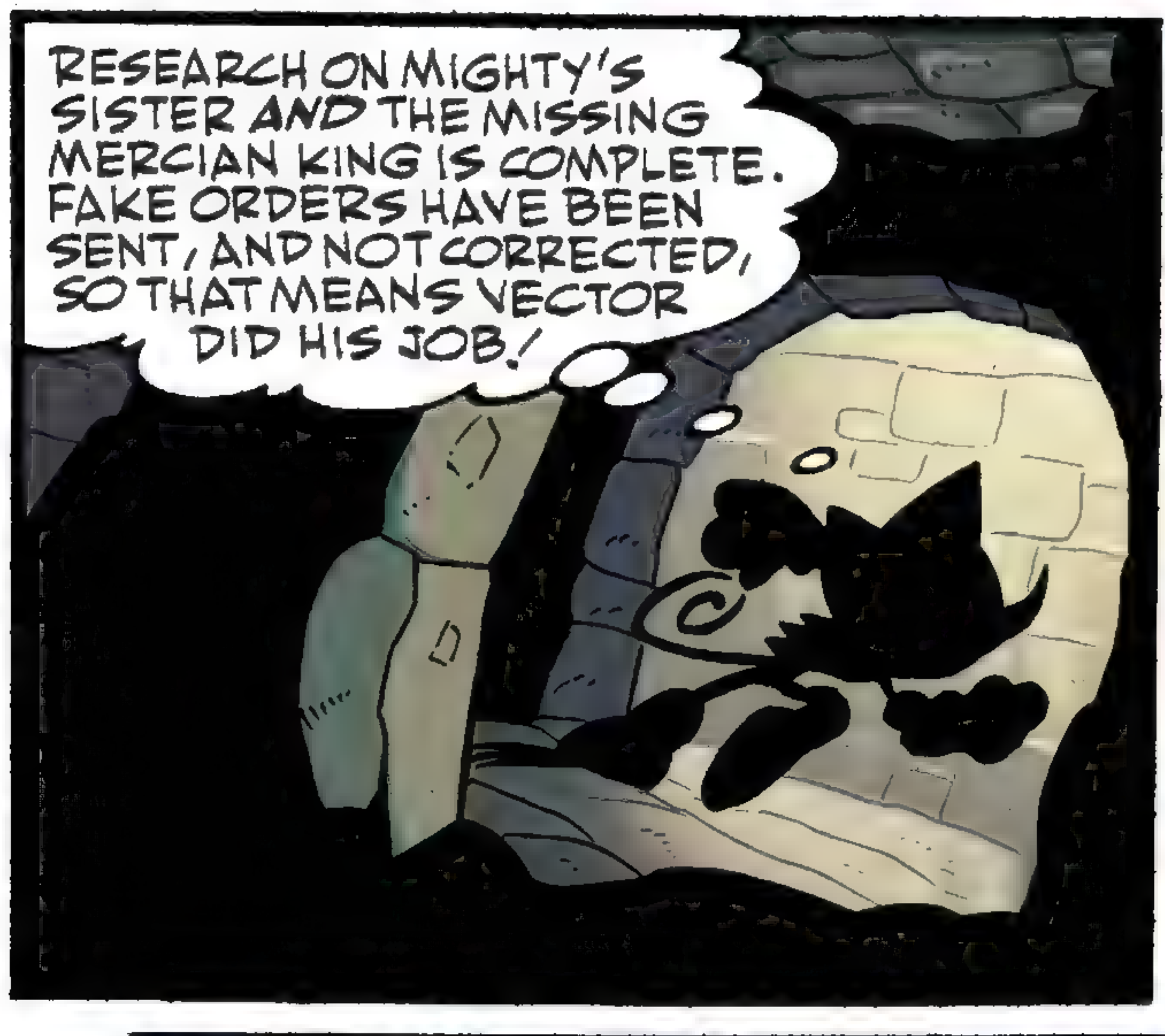


YES!

A YOUNG ARMADILLO GIRL, MATCHING THE RESEARCH I DID EARLIER. LET'S SEE... SHE WAS ROBOTICIZED, SHE WAS SENT AS PART OF THE FORCES ATTACKING A PLACE CALLED SAND BLAST CITY. NOW THERE'S AN EGGMAN EMPIRE BASE IN THE BADLANDS NEARBY... AFTER BEING DEROBOTICIZED, SHE MUST'VE BEEN RECAPTURED AND LEGIONIZED INSTEAD...



BETTER YET, IT SHOWS FILES WERE ACCESSED FROM THIS TERMINAL RECENTLY. WHICH MEANS MIGHTY WAS HERE! WE FOUND HIS TRAIL!



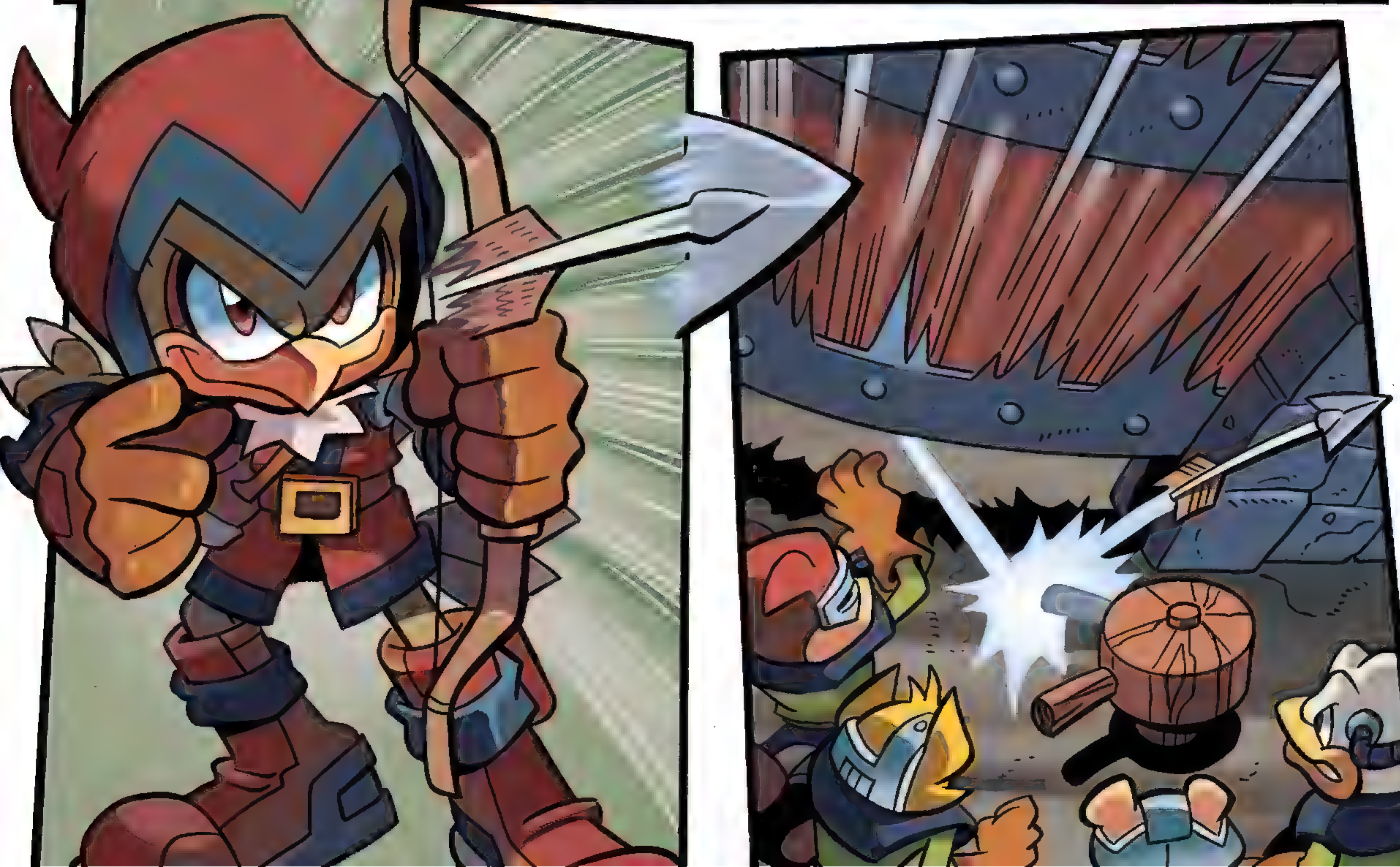
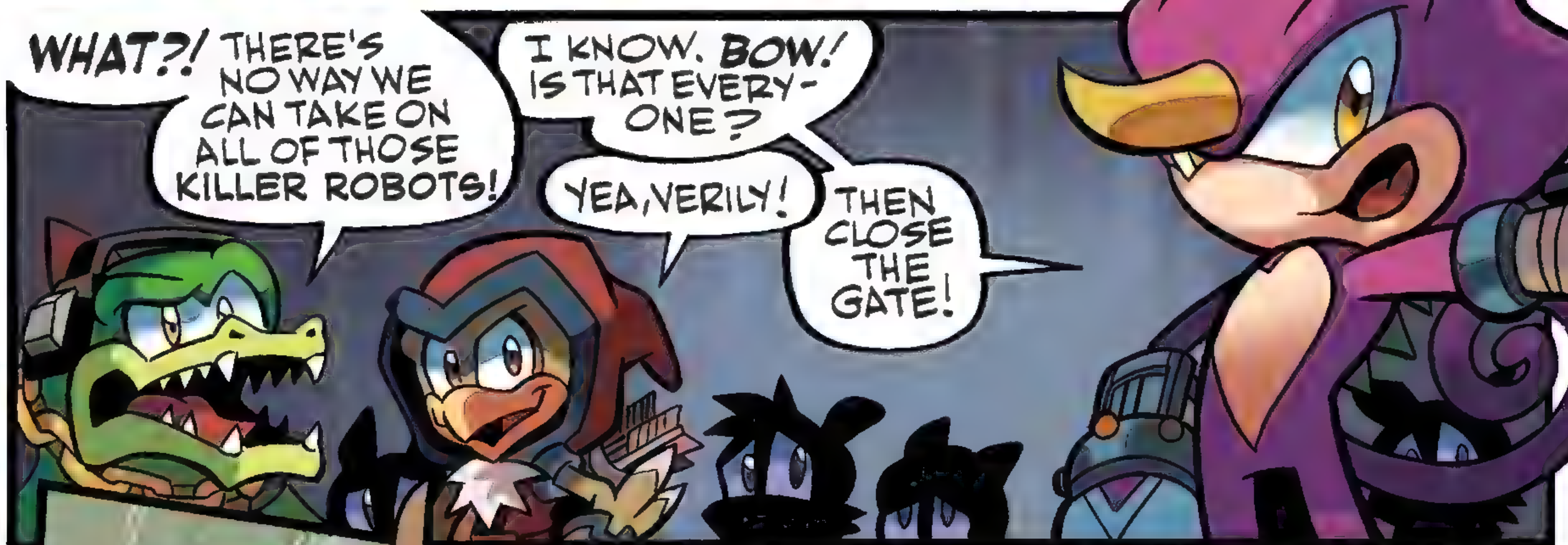
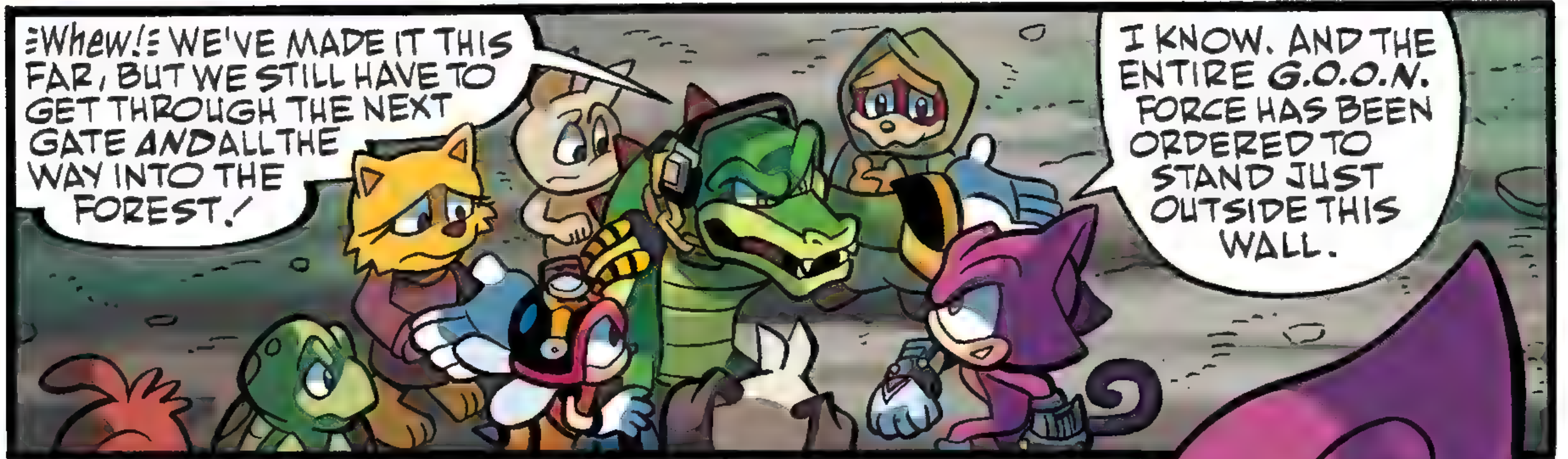
RESEARCH ON MIGHTY'S SISTER AND THE MISSING MERCIAN KING IS COMPLETE. FAKE ORDERS HAVE BEEN SENT, AND NOT CORRECTED, SO THAT MEANS VECTOR DID HIS JOB!



NOW-- TO MAKE THE WAY OUT.







THIS WAS YOUR PLAN? NOW WE'VE GOT THEIR HEAVY FORCES ALL OUTSIDE ONE WALL AND ALL THE GROUND TROOPS AT THE OTHER GATE!!
NOW WHAT?!

NOW?



WARP RING.

RIGHT THIS WAY, FRIENDS. A DIRECT SHOT TO HIDEAWAY-- AND FREEDOM!



Y'KNOW, I KEEP FORGETTING HOW HANDY THAT THING IS!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

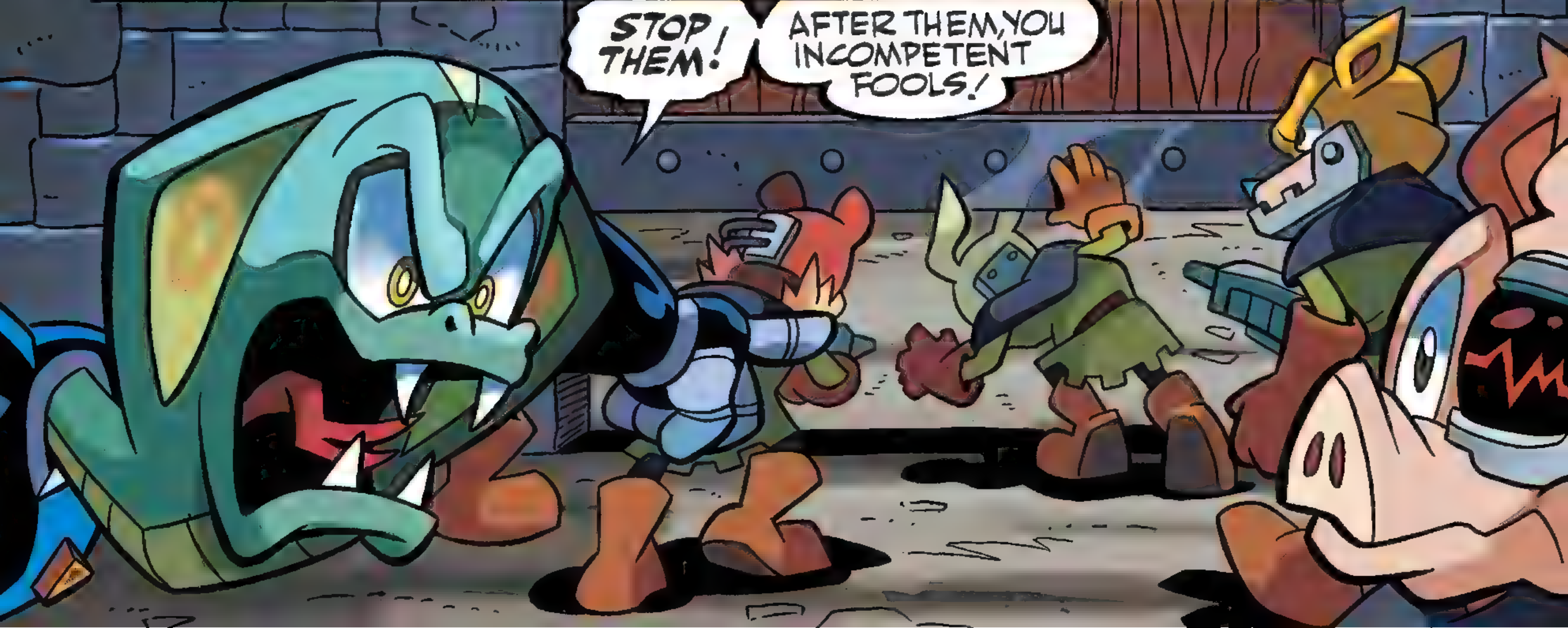
ASK KNUCKLES ABOUT THE TIME HE WAS ONCE IN A DEATH TRAP, AND FORGOT TO USE IT. * HIS FACE TURNS AS RED AS HIS FUR.!



*DON'T BELIEVE ESPIO? READ SONIC UNIVERSE VOL. 3 AND SEE FOR YOURSELF-- Ed.

STOP THEM!

AFTER THEM, YOU INCOMPETENT FOOLS!





YOUR HOSPITALITY HAS BEEN AS GRACIOUS AS EVER, M'LORD. FARE THEE WELL!



FINISH



HIDDEN VILLAGE OF HIDEAWAY

WELL, THAT'S EVERYONE! BACK SAFE 'N' SOUND...

... DID YOU FIND ANYTHING USEFUL, MISTER BIG PLAN MAKER?

I DID. I KNOW WHERE TO LOOK FOR MIGHTY AND RAY NEXT. AND I'M CONFIDENT WE WILL FIND THEM THIS TIME.

YES!



WE OWE YOU A DEBT OF HONOR, DEAR FRIEND. THOUGH, IF I MAY ASK ONE MORE THING OF YOU... PERCHANCE DIDST THOU FIND ANY NEWS OF OUR WAYWARD KING?

EGGMAN'S FORCES HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE OR HIS WIFE AND CHILD ARE. THEY LOST THE TRAIL AT NEVER LAKE. THAT TELLS ME THE KING AND HIS FAMILY ARE ON THE MOVE AND BEING SMART. I'M SURE THEY'RE PLANNING SOMETHING!

AH! THEN THAT MEANS THEY... NAY, NEVER YOU MIND. 'TIS BITTER-SWEET NEWS, BUT TAKEN GLADLY. THANK YOU AGAIN.

AND YOU.

MAYBE ONCE THE TYRANTS ARE DRIVEN OUT, THEY CAN RETURN!

MAY IT BE SOON. PLEASE, TAKE YOUR REST FOR THE NIGHT. I MUST ATTEND TO MY PEOPLE, BUT MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME.

NAH! THIS IS EVERYBODY'S VICTORY! C'MON, GRANNY-- YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE DESERVE A PROPER "WELCOME HOME" PARTY!



THE NEXT DAY...

SAND BLAST CITY

WHY DID YOU WARP US SO FAR FROM THE CITY?

BECAUSE THE SAND BLASTERS HAVE A BAD REPUTATION. THE FEWER WHO SEE US USING THE WARP RING, THE BETTER.

AND IT GIVES VECTOR A CHANCE TO WAKE UP.

WHAT CAN I SAY? THEY KNOW HOW TO PARTY IN MERCIA! ANYWAY--RELAX! WE'RE GOING TO MEET MORE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THEY CAN'T ALL BE BAD!

ACCORDING TO SONIC...

EH, HE PICKS A FIGHT WITH EVERYONE! YOU TRUST KNUX, DON'T YOU?

HEY! GAH!

SKYOW!

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

MORE INGRATES GETTIN' LOST ON THEIR WAY TO JOIN THE BARON? HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE DOIN' IN MY TERRITORY? YOU'VE GOT THIRTY SECONDS, THEN WE BEAT IT OUT OF YOU--!

THE TRAIL OF MIGHTY AND RAY HAS LED THE CHAOTIX RIGHT INTO THE CLUTCHES OF THE NASTY SAND BLASTERS GANG! COME BACK NEXT TIME AS THE COLD TRAIL SUDDENLY HEATS UP!

MEANWHILE, CHECK OUT KNUCKLES AND THE TEAM FIGHTERS TEAM UP IN THE WORLD-SHAKING NEW SONIC THE HEDGEHOG STORY ARC "ENDANGERED SPECIES"! AND DON'T FORGET THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST, & THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!



the SONIC SPIN

editorial commentary straight from 'Merica! I mean "Mercia"!

MIGHTY AND RAY, HERE WE COME!

Talk about world-spanning adventure – so far “Chaotix Quest” has taken us from deep in the forests of Mercia, straight to Sand Blast City! Gotta love warp ring technology, eh?

Jack Rabbit and his band of devious Sand Blast City Freedom Fighters haven't popped up since Sonic and Bunnie tore through back in Sonic the Hedgehog #217-218 (which, incidentally, you can read RIGHT NOW on the Sonic comic app! plugplugplug) and those two barely escaped with their lives! Those two issues also marked the first appearance of the Baron and Matilda, who [spoiler alert] will be playing a huge role in the remainder of this arc!



THE BARON AND MATILDA AS THEY APPEARED IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #217. AVAILABLE NOW ON THE SONIC COMICS APP! USE YOUR SMART PHONE TO SCAN THE CODE BELOW AND GET THE APP FOR FREE!



Over in our main title, Sonic the Hedgehog, the Knuckles-centric arc “Endangered Species” is in full swing! So make sure you pick those up to get your fill of all things Chaotix! And don't forget the Sonic Super Special Magazine and Sonic Super Digest titles – they've got some sweet sweet Chaotix action too!



DON'T MISS THE FOUR PART “ENDANGERED SPECIES” STORYLINE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, ONLY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ISSUES 243-246!

SEE YA NEXT MONTH! - Paul

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OR IS IT? THE SEARCH FOR
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**"ALL FOR ONE
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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/29 /12!

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THRASH AT THE DEVIL!
TERROR IS UNLEASHED ON THE
ECHIDNA HOMELAND WHEN
THRASH THE DEVIL MAKES AN
UNEXPECTED RETURN IN
**"ENDANGERED SPECIES"
PART 2 (of 4)**
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 1/8/13

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
First of all, I have to say that the Silver Saga was AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I have all four books of the Silver Saga. I just got the Shadow Saga recently and that one's really awesome, too!

It's the ultimate saga about the ultimate life form! Glad you enjoyed it!

Sonic Universe and Sonic the Hedgehog books are my number one favorite kind of comic books by far! May I ask two questions?

You may certainly have the usual!

Maria Robotnik, you know, Professor Gerald Robotnik's granddaughter, I'm trying to find a comic book that has a lot of her and Shadow in it but I'm not having much luck, do you have any suggestions? Because I want to know all about her!

See Maria's first appearance in STH #98 and witness Maria and Shadow's reunion in STH #171. Both are available now on the Sonic comics app! For more information on Maria and the

rest of the comic cast, check out The Complete Sonic Comic Encyclopedia, available now!

Before I waste all of your time, I'd like to ask one last question. Does Shadow have anymore adventures after the Shadow Saga?

You can catch Shadow in the Sonic Universe arc, "Treasure Team Tango," issues 21-24, also available on the Sonic Comics app, and coming soon to Graphic Novel!!

Well, it's been so much fun writing to my favorite comic book company!

**Sonic, Shadow, and Silver Fan,
Hannah Q.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com**

Thanks for the kind words, Hannah!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I just wanted to let you guys know that you're doing an amazing job on the comics as always! I like the new guy Shard. He's really hilarious!

**Jessica V.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com**

*Thank you, Jessica!
You'll be seeing more Shard real*

soon! Keep up with the "Endangered Species" story arc happening right now in Sonic the Hedgehog where a certain metal hedgehog may or may not be making an appearance!!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
This is my first send in and I only have one thing to ask so here it goes. Will there ever be any other mecha enemies for our heroes to fight?

Dr. Eggman has a whole slew of robots lined up for our heroes to fight! The best of the best are headed straight for our spring 2013 crossover event, "Worlds Collide," so get stoked!

That's all for me, all I got to say is your comics are epic.

**From your big fan,
Tyler R.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com**

Thanks for being an epic fan, Tyler!

Come on back in thirty to see what crazy antics arise in Sand Blast City. I can assure you that Jack Rabbit has a lot in store for the Chaotix!

See ya next time!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!